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In re Application of: **MACCHETTI ET AL**  
 Serial No.: **09/974,705**  
 Filed: **OCTOBER 10, 2001**  
 For: **METHOD AND CIRCUIT FOR DATA ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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